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\*\*\* WELCOME! \*\*\*

to the latest issue of *Gen Dobry!*, the e-zine of PolishRoots®. If you missed previous issues, you can find them here:

<<http://polishroots.org/GenDobry/tabid/60/Default.aspx>>

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## \*\*\* AN INDEX TO ONLINE VITAL RECORDS FROM THE ARCHIVES OF WIELKOPOLSKA (GREAT POLAND) \*\*\*

by Edward David Luft <[luft1111@hotmail.com](mailto:luft1111@hotmail.com)>

*Editor*—The website <<http://www.basia.famula.pl/en>> has recently received a lot of attention from researchers with roots in Poland. Fortunately, expert researcher Edward David Luft has offered us a timely introduction to the site.

The State Archives in Poland and its regional branches have entered into agreements with various institutions to index birth, marriage, and death records in the Archives' collections. In addition, some of these same institutions have indexed other vital records, such as those held by Roman Catholic archives and similar institutions. For some time now, the Wielkopolska Genealogical Society (WTG “Gniazdo”) has had a volunteer-driven project to post religious and state vital records on its website, <<http://www.basia.famula.pl/en>>, for that purpose; and it is also seeking volunteers to index more records. The platform that presents the information and is used for searches is designed to facilitate interaction with the National Archives Digital Database. Although no other indexes are yet known, it is likely that there are, or soon will be, others.

(For a discussion of use of the National Archives Digital Database, see Luft, Edward David, “Jewish Vital Records in the Polish State Archives Not Listed Elsewhere,” *AVOTAYNU: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*, Bergenfield, NJ, Vol. XXVI, No. 1, Spring 2010, pp. 21-22. For a similar index database limited to Jewish vital and other records, see <<http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/jriplweb.htm>>.)

Searching the WTG database is relatively easy. Currently, the website is closing in on one million entries. The page is available in Polish, English, German, and French. On the main page, you can set the language to “Angielski” for English. Of course, using a translator should enable translation into any language available via that translator. The main page should translate to English automatically; but if it does not, use a translator, such as Google Translate, to do so.

The home page allows the researcher to enter a name, such as a surname, and then search. All entries found will be returned, and a map is displayed that shows all of the locations for which records are held and indexed. It pays to check back periodically, as additions are made regularly. To the right of the map is a list of locations for which records are held. By clicking on a given location, the researcher can see in a display below the map, the nature of the institution holding the records, such as the Roman Catholic parish or the Civil Record Office; followed by the kind of record, such as a birth record, the full name of the person indexed, the date of the record, the relationship of other persons named in the record, such as parents; and a list of other persons named in the record, such as witnesses, although they might not be so identified. To the right of that information is the exact location of the institution holding the record, the location of the record in the institution, the indexer, and the date that it was added. Click on the scan number to display the record itself, and click on <Ctrl>+ to enlarge the record for easier reading.

On the contents page to the right of the map, click on “Full lists in alphabetical order” to see a

list of all locations indexed so far, the kinds of records indexed for that location, and the name of the indexer. However, clicking on the name of the indexer only takes the researcher back to the home page and not to a way to contact that person. Instead, use the contact tab on the home page to the owner of the URL to make inquiries.

Instead of searching on the home page, I recommend clicking on “Extended search” just below the search box. This brings up a window that allows entry of first and last name—more than one person can be listed for the search—as well as gender and relationship to the main person named in the record. The time period of the search can be narrowed. It is possible to specify the location and the distance in kilometers from the location which is to be searched, the kind of institution holding the record, the type of document, and the date added to the database. The information displayed will be the result of a more precise search of the database than that available from the home page.

By clicking on the ASIA tab at the top of the home page, the researcher can find the main features of the database and a list of shortcuts.

While most of the records indexed are Roman Catholic, some Protestant and other Christian records are listed. The few Jewish records are from the USC records and are mostly after 1875. However, there are some from earlier periods.

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**\*\*\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \*\*\***

Subject: Polish Victims of Nazi Germany

*Editor*—This note was not sent to me, but to Debbie Greenlee. She posted it to several mailing lists, and I felt it surely deserves to be circulated as widely as possible.

I received the following request from Alex Storzynski, author and president of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Do you know anyone who survived the atrocities of WWII? Would they be willing to talk on camera about what they witnessed?

The Holocaust museum in Washington DC is looking for non-Jewish Poles who would be willing to talk about what they went through during WWII.

This is a very important initiative to preserve the history of Poland while these Polish survivors are still with us. So please join us on May 6th at the Kosciuszko Foundation to learn more about this initiative.

And because many seniors do not use e-mail or the Internet, please call them and tell them that we want to hear about their lives during WWII, and to preserve their history.

Click here for more information:

<[http://www.thekf.org/events/upcoming\\_events/820871\\_10151349423137961/](http://www.thekf.org/events/upcoming_events/820871_10151349423137961/)>

or call #212-734-2130.

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**\*\*\* GENEALOGY COMEDY DEBUTS ON HBO IN MAY \*\*\***

Ever since I heard that HBO would probably be airing a comedy series on genealogy by Christopher Guest and the actors who love to appear in his films, I've been looking forward to watching it. Well, the wait is almost over! The first episode debuts on HBO on May 12. You can read more about the episodes here:

<[http://blog.eo.gn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/04/family-tree-new-hbo-show-debuts-may-12th.html](http://blog.eo.gn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/04/family-tree-new-hbo-show-debuts-may-12th.html)>

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**\*\*\* REST IN PEACE, BERNARD KOUCHEL AND EDWARD R. BRANDT**

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I was saddened recently to hear of the deaths of two people who made major contributions to the world of genealogy, especially for those with roots in central and eastern Europe.

The April 14 issue of *Nu? What's New?* had a notice on the death, on April 9, of Bernard Israelite Kouchel (1928–2013) at the age of 85. I never had the pleasure of meeting Bernie in person, but I worked with him on a project in 1992, “Essential Gedenkbuch” <<http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/de-gednk.txt>>. It was a delight—he was so friendly and sensible. Ever since, I have noticed his name when he was involved with a project; and I was amazed how often his name came up!

The *Nu?* article lists just some of the many JewishGen projects Bernie worked on. Perhaps the one that impressed me most was that he conceived of and initiated the ViewMate Project <<http://www.jewishgen.org/viewmate/>>, an enormous help to Jewish researchers; and that's only one of his many contributions. You can read more about him here:

<<http://www.jewishgen.org/jewishgen/pr/KouchelProclamation.html>>

<<http://jewishgen.blogspot.com/2013/04/bernie-kouchel-ah.html>>

This page gives a formal obituary for him:

< <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sunsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=bernard-i-kouchel&pid=164186272>>

As if that weren't bad enough, just a few days ago I learned that another man who made great contributions had died back on January 17 at the age of 81: Edward R. Brandt, PhD. I did have the pleasure of meeting Ed, and he proved that men who know a lot don't have to be arrogant and stuck-up. He was deeply knowledgeable in the area of Germanic genealogy; and of course this field is often relevant to the study of Polish genealogy. I have a copy of his book *Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns*, which he coauthored with Mary Bellingham, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye, and Patricia A. Lowe for the Germanic Genealogy Society. It's a source I often consult, and I expect to live with it when I work on the German volume of the *In Their Words* series.

I'd heard Ed had been in poor health for some time, so it was not a great surprise to hear that he'd passed on. But that didn't make it any easier to accept.

You can read a nice obituary on him here:

<<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/startribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=162522577#fbLoggedOut>>

You can see more about his books and articles here:

<<http://www.tc.umn.edu/~brand050/>>

Rest in peace, gentlemen! You both did a great deal to make this world a better place.

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**\*\*\* MORE AND MORE RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLINE \*\*\***

*Editor*—Logan Kleinwaks posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup about scans of Jewish vital records that have been added to the Szukajwarchiwach site. I'd like to quote the info he gave, both to benefit Jewish researchers reading *Gen Dobry!*, and also to remind non-Jewish researchers that new material is being added to the site all the time—so keep checking in!

Scans of Jewish vital records from the following towns were added to Szukajwarchiwach.pl on April 7, from the participating archives:

AP Kalisz  
Stawiszyn <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/11/755/0>>

AP Lublin  
Horodło <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/35/1730/0>>  
Janów <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/35/1734/0>>  
Jarczów <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/35/1735/0>>

Jozefów nad Wisłą (Opole powiat) <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/35/1737/0>>  
Kock (Lubartów powiat) <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/35/1740/0>>

AP Poznań in Konin

Golina (Konin powiat) <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/53/3298/0>>

Rychwał (Konin powiat) <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/54/842/0>>

AP Suwałki

Łódzkie <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/63/200/0>>

Sereje <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/63/203/0>>

Wiejsieje <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/63/205/0>>

To view scans, click on the relevant link above, then click on “Jednostki” / “Units” near the top right, then click on a title of interest where the “Liczba skanów” / “Number of scans” column is not 0, then click on “Skany” / “Scans” near the top right, then click on an image thumbnail to enlarge it, then click on the rectangle icon near the bottom right of the pop-up to enlarge the image more.

Logan Kleinwaks

*Editor*—As usual, Logan provides valuable information. Do not forget to check his website as well, <<http://genealogyindexer.org/>>, especially the page on “Directories,” <<http://genealogyindexer.org/directories>>. He recently added Warsaw address, business, and telephone directories to this site. Use the search engine that appears at the top of each page ... In the meantime, Paul Rakow also posted a good item to the Poland mailing list on using the Szukajwarchiwach site, including these pointers.

Go to the website: <<http://www.szukajwarchiwach.pl/>>

- Close the pop-up “Bazy danych w archiwach panstwowych”.
- Click the Union Jack (or the German or Polish flag if you prefer).
- Tick the box “only with scans/tylko ze skanami” below the search box.
- Select the tab “Everything/Wszystko” above the search box (instead of the tab “Vital records and civil registers/ Akta metrykalne i stanu cywilnego”, which most instructions for this site steer you to).
- Type the place name you are interested in into the search box.
- Click “Search/Szukaj.”

See what comes up. There are lots of places that still have nothing on line, it will probably take years for the online material to catch up with the LDS microfilms, and even longer for the online

material to get anywhere close to what is available if you visit an archive in Poland. But, you might get lucky, especially if you have several places to try.

If you want a really impressive example of how much is online for some cities, try doing a search for Lublin.

*Editor*—Another post to the Poland-Roots and Posen mailing lists, by Al Muth, tells us about records from the “Eastern Borderlands” now becoming available.

Those of you who have ancestors in those eastern areas of Poland that became part of Ukraine after World War II may have been looking on jealously as scanned records from various religious faiths across Poland have been popping up at many different websites.

Many genealogical records from the east were repatriated to Poland and are kept in the Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych w Warszawie (AGAD) or the “Central Archives of Historical Records.” All of a sudden, we are learning that scans of church records from the eastern areas are online now. And so we have yet a different set of URLs to keep track of.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. If one of the categories below interests you, click on the URL.
2. Then, in the left column, click the last item, “Inwentarz.”
3. Up comes a very long list of items. If there are scanned records, you will see a hyperlink named “galeria ze skanami”.

Roman Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Lwów 1604-1945:  
<<http://www.agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/KMLw301.xml>>

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Volhynia and elsewhere>:  
<<http://www.agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/KsEA439x.xml>>

Greek Catholic Church in the Archdioceses of Lwów, Przemyśl, and Stanisławów, years 1728-1943:  
<<http://www.agad.archiwa.gov.pl/pomoce/gr298.xml#id0x060af350> (no scans yet)>

Jewish:  
<<http://www.agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/Mojz300x.xml>>

A similar condensed list, slightly longer, may be found at:  
<<http://www.agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/testy.html>>

The full list of archival items (in Polish) may be found at:  
<<http://www.agad.archiwa.gov.pl/pomoce/spisze.xml>>

Many thanks to Jan Textor in Denmark for alerting us at SGGEE to the existence of the Lutheran records.

Feel free to repost this information on other lists.

Al Muth

*Editor*—All I can say is, bless people like Logan, Paul, and Al who take the time to help the rest of us get past the learning curve to use new resources quickly!

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**\*\*\* WWW.GENTeam.AT – APPROXIMATELY 167,000 NEW RECORDS**

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*by Felix Gundacker*

*Editor*—This is the update Felix Gundacker sent out to all registered with the <[www.genteam.at](http://www.genteam.at)> site on April 1.

Vienna, April 1st, 2013

New at GenTeam:

- 1 - New: Civil marriages of Graz and Salzburg 1870-1912
- 2 - Jewish cemeteries of Innsbruck
- 3 - Obituaries of *Wiener Zeitung* 1899-1938
- 4 - Jewish grave stones of Austrian and Czech Cemeteries
- 5 - corrections Index of Roman Catholic marriages in Vienna
- 6 - Catholic Indices from Upper- and Lower Austria and Bohemia -- approximately 80,000 new entries
- 7 - Catholic baptisms in Vienna: about 40,000 new entries

Dear Colleagues,

On my own account:

This new online database gives the 19.300 registered users immediately approximately 7.5 million entries at their disposal. I would like to express here my heart-felt thanks to all those individuals who have furnished GenTeam in the last 3 years with vital information, all those who work on long-term projects, but also those who work behind the scene to ensure that GenTeam functions properly and continuously is able to expand.

All Databases at GenTeam can be called up free of charge. GenTeam is a non-profit organization, and there is no membership fee connected to this organization. GenTeam is an association of historians and genealogists who work independently or as a team on databases and furnish this data free of charge to all researches.

## Mailing List—connecting genealogists

The GenTeam Mailing List for the countries of the former Austria-Hungarian Monarchy has grown in the meantime to more than 1,200 members. The mailing list is used for questions within the country as well as abroad. So take advantage of this superb list and register! It is bilingual and moderated.

<<http://list.genteam.at/mailman/listinfo/austria>>

### 1 - New: Civil marriages of Graz and Salzburg 1870-1912

This database was created by Univ. Doz. Dr. Anna Lea Staudacher of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) using original records in Graz and Salzburg, and have been published in the journal “ADLER Zeitschrift für Genealogie und Heraldik” of the Heraldic and Genealogical Society “Adler”, Vienna. Due to the kind allowance of the Society “Adler”, this database was possible. Further information about this project can be found in the journals of the “Adler” October - December 2012 (in German only).

### 2 - Jewish Cemeteries Innsbruck

This database of burials at Jewish Cemeteries can be published at GenTeam through the kind allowance of Niko Hofinger.

### 3 - Obituaries of *Wiener Zeitung* 1899-1939

Stefan Pusinelli has created this important database of the obituaries of the main newspaper of Vienna, *Wiener Zeitung*, between 1899 and 1939.

### 4 - Jewish Grave stones

Mrs. Traude Triebel has made thousands of pictures of Jewish Grave Stones in Vienna, Lower Austria and Czech Republic. About 10.000 pictures are now online at GenTeam. You will find Last Name and First Name and Maiden Name, also birth place and date, profession as well as place of cemetery.

Vienna: Döbling, Grinzing and Zentralfriedhof

Lower Austria: Bad Pirawarth, Baden, Dürnkrot, Gänserndorf, Göttsbach (Ybbs), Groß Enzersdorf, Hohenau, Hollabrunn, Horn, Klosterneuburg, Korneuburg, Mistelbach, Mödling, Neulengbach, Neunkirchen, St. Pölten, Stockerau and Wiener Neustadt

Czech Republic: Eiwanowitz in der Hanna, Holleschau, Irnitz, Misslitz and Mährisch Kromau

### 5 - Index of Catholic marriages in Vienna - corrections

Due to technical reasons, some corrections have been made by Günther Peters.

### 6 - New Indices from Roman Catholic Matrices

Approximately 80,000 entries of Indices were added from Catholic registries in Upper and Lower Austria and Bohemia. The researcher has herewith approximately 1.6 million records and about 2.5 million names at his disposal in this very important database. This index is not a simple index, for in addition to names you will find in some of these databases information concerning parents, addresses, profession and age. Naturally, the search in these fields will be by surname. You will find the parishes along with the time frame at GenTeam under Help.

Lower Austria – Indices from the following communities were added: Gmünd, Griesbach, Hainburg, Harbach, Hirschbach, Kapelln, Karlstetten, Kirchberg am Walde, Langschwarza, Ottenschlag, Weistrach, Weitra, Wieselburg and Wolkersdorf.

Upper Austria – Indices from these communities were added: Leopoldschlag, Maria Neustift

Bohemia – Morchenstern/Smrzovka

I would like to express my appreciation to Ursula Baldemaier, Martina Gelbmann, Reinhard John, Adolf Leutgeb, Christian Mayrhofer, Marta Melchart, Susanne Nittmann, Franz Schönweiler, Martina Schulz, Franz Spevacek, Judith Starke and Theodora Winkler for their tireless and valuable collaboration.

My special thanks go particularly to the „Heraldisch Genealogischen Gesellschaft Adler“ (the Heraldic Genealogical Association Adler) who furnished GenTeam with the Josef-Heider-Indices from Upper Austria.

7 - Baptismal Index in Vienna between 1585 und 1900

Already approximately 160,000 databases are online. Approximately 40,000 entries were added from the Parish Landstraße 3rd district (1857-1900), Alservorstadt 8th district (1884-1889) and Rennweg 3rd district (1784-1825). At this point I would like to express my special thanks to Mrs. Martina Ecker, Mrs. Mireille Trauner, and Mr. Werner Zinser.

During the 19th century, approximately 3.5 million people migrated from countries in the Hapsburg Monarchy (and beyond) to Vienna. By 1910 Vienna's population had grown to 2.1 million. At that time Vienna was the sixth largest city in the world. Almost all families in the monarchy had family connections to Vienna.

Unfortunately, Vienna still has no central birth index, besides the Jewish Birth (and marriage and death) Index, which can already be found at <[www.GenTeam.at](http://www.GenTeam.at)>.

Therefore, GenTeam intends to produce a general index for all Vienna baptisms, and I invite you all to help along with this fascinating project. You will not require to travel or visit parishes; the indices can be furnished in digital form. Some indices are typed, some are in beautiful handwriting and some are in not so beautiful handwriting; I am sure every interested volunteer can find a part to help.

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Xing: <<https://www.xing.com/net/pri9c2117x/ahnenforschung>>  
Facebook: <<http://de-de.facebook.com/pages/GenTeam/121165227901751?ref=ts>>  
Forum: <<http://ahnenforschung.plusboard.de/>>  
Genealogical Society: <[www.adler-wien.at](http://www.adler-wien.at)>  
„Connecting Genealogists“

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### \*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*

**Saturday, May 4, 2013**

#### **WASHINGTON D.C. FAMILY HISTORY CENTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE 10000 Stoneybrook Dr. Kensington, Maryland**

The LDS Washington DC Family History Center will be having its annual genealogy conference on Saturday, 4 May 2013. The URL for conference Web page is <<http://www.wdcfhc.org/conf2013/index.php>>.

One of the presenters will be **Tom Sadauskas**, speaking on the International Tracing Service (ITS) archives and how best to use their 50 million documents to help with East European research, especially when it comes to displaced persons (DPs) and Holocaust victims & survivors. Here's the write-up for Tom's presentation:

#### **The International Tracing Service—The Closed Archive That's Been Finally Opened After More Than 60 Years**

The International Tracing Service (ITS) was created in the closing days of World War II. The ITS collected more than 50 million German and Allied records containing information on over 17.5 million persons. These persons included both Holocaust victims and survivors, forced laborers, and more than 8 million displaced persons (DPs). For more than 60 years, the ITS archives were closed to outside researchers and only accessible to ITS staff members. Not until late 2007, because of outside pressure by numerous groups, was the decision made to open these records to outside researchers. The first organized group of outside researchers to access these records occurred in May 2008. The presenter was part of this first group. Topics to be covered include:

- Brief History of the ITS
- How the ITS Archives Came to Be Opened to the Public
- What Records Are There & How They Can Be Accessed
- What Records Are Not There
- How These records Can Aid Your Genealogy Research
- My Personal Experience As Part of the First Group of Outside Researchers to Visit the ITS Archives

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**May 4 – 5, 2013**

**POLISHFEST - CHICAGO**

**Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. in Jefferson Park**

Hours: 12 Noon - 9:30 p.m. on Saturday;  
12 Noon - 9 p.m. on Sunday

Admission: \$5 (children 12 and under free!)

<<http://www.polishfestchicago.com/Polishfest.html>>

[From information posted to mailing lists by Debbie Greenlee]

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**Saturday and Sunday, May 11 – 12, 2013**

**41ST ANNUAL LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th 2013, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

The Lithuanian Festival Committee of Maryland is pleased to announce the 41st Annual Lithuanian Festival, to be held at the Catonsville Armory, 130 Mellor Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th 2013, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5.00 per person and the little ones 12 and under are free.

The website for this event is at <<http://www.lithuanianfestival.org/>>

[From an e-mail sent by **Tom Sadauskas**, who will be giving presentations and answering questions at this event.]

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**May 19, 2013**

**POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING**  
**Social Hall of the PRCUA – 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. – Chicago, Illinois**  
**2 p.m.**

TITLE: Genealogical Societies in Poland, a presentation by Cynthia Piech

SUBJECT: Genealogy is popular in Poland, and there are several genealogical societies in various regions of Poland. We'll look at the web sites of several of these societies to see what they offer the Polish-American genealogist. We'll also demonstrate how to easily translate the web pages that are in Polish

BIO: Cynthia Piech has been doing genealogical research for 14 years. She has done research in both the U.S. and Poland and has traced her family back to the late 1700s. Cynthia has written articles on genealogy and travel in Poland for *Rodziny*. She is a member of the PGSA, the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

[From an e-mail sent by Harry Kurek]

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**June 16–21, 2013**

**GENEALOGY “SUMMER CAMP”**  
**Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society**  
**Toronto, CANADA**

Genealogy “Summer Camp” is a unique program that brings out-of-town family historians to Toronto for an intensive week of tutorials and hands-on research, with the guidance of local experts, at the many archives and reference libraries in Toronto. We take full advantage of Toronto’s great public transit system, and we keep the group small to allow lots of help from our local experts.

If you’re from out-of-town, we encourage you to stay with the group. We have arranged economical university residence accommodation.

The 2013 Genealogy “Summer Camp” will be number 17! More than 135 participants from England, right across Canada and many US states have attended the 16 previous Summer Camps—some more than once! We’ve also welcomed many local participants as “day campers”. It is an excellent way to get acquainted (or reacquainted) with the libraries and archives in our city. It is also a great excuse for a week of concentrated research.

**This year’s Summer Camp is scheduled for June 16 to 21, 2013.** The Summer Camp fee for 2013 is \$240 (Cdn), which covers approximately 7 hours of lectures and tutorials, 25 hours of hands-on instruction and all worksheets and handouts.

For details as to venues, resources, tutorials and accommodation, and to download an application package, visit <[www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summercamp.html](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summercamp.html)>, or contact Jane MacNamara at <[info@torontofamilyhistory.org](mailto:info@torontofamilyhistory.org)>.

Applications should be received by **16 May 2013**.

Gwyneth Pearce  
Secretary – Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society  
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Now on Facebook and Twitter @TOFamilyHistory

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**August 4 – 9, 2013**

### **33RD IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY**

This annual event—which is almost always a magnificent success—will be held in 2013 in Boston on August 4 through 9. Learn more at <<http://www.iajgs2013.org/>>.

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**September 13 – 14, 2013**

### **POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONFERENCE**

The 2013 Conference will be held at the Hilton Lisle in Naperville, Illinois. In the months ahead, the Website, <<http://www.pgsa.org/>>, and the *PGSA Notebook* will post additional details.

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**October 23 – 26, 2013**

### **CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL 2013 GENEALOGICAL AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold its 14th Genealogical and Cultural Conference at the Westin Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois, October 23–26, 2013. Hotel reservations can now be made for the Conference at the Westin Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois. Click on the Reserve icon when you get to the Hotel page.

The keynote speaker will be our own **Paul S. Valasek**! Other notable speakers are Lisa A. Alzo, Grace DuMelle, Leo Baca, Lou Szucs, and many more.

For more information on the program, see this Web page:

<<http://www.cgsi.org/content/2013-genealogical-and-cultural-conference-program>>

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**\*\*\* MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES \*\*\***

<[http://www.realitywanted.com/call/24410-casting-pbss-genealogy-roadshow#.UX2R\\_7VwrNk](http://www.realitywanted.com/call/24410-casting-pbss-genealogy-roadshow#.UX2R_7VwrNk)>

According to the April 28 issue of *Nu? What's New*, PBS is planning to do a new show called *Genealogy Roadshow*, and is looking for genealogists or folks with family history problems in Nashville, Tennessee; San Francisco, California; Austin, Texas; and Detroit, Michigan. *Nu?* suggested writing the producer at <[grshowcasting1@gmail.com](mailto:grshowcasting1@gmail.com)>. Or the link above may give you more info.

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<[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/04/still-more-threats-to-the-ssdi.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/04/still-more-threats-to-the-ssdi.html)>

The April 10 digest of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* [EOGN] discussed more government idiocy on locking up the Master Death File. Dick Eastman's article is interesting; the comments posted by users are even more so. Man, people get worked up online!

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<<http://www.GesherGalicia.org/>>

This is the new, restructured website of Gesher Galicia, which is especially valuable for Jewish researchers, but there's plenty of good info there for anyone with Galician roots.

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<[https://familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](https://familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)>

Some folks have found it difficult to use the revised FamilySearch page, and would love to have the "classic" home page back to check the catalog of the Family History Library. Gary posted this link to the Lithuanian Genealogy mailing list, giving the link to that page.

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<<http://www.volksbund.de/volksbund/volksbund-en.html>>

Paul S. Valasek pointed this page out to me. It deals primarily with Germans, of course. But as Paul said—and I think he's right—"I bet a lot of the graves are located in Poland."

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<<https://www.facebook.com/pajevonys.wizajny>>

Debbie Greenlee posted a note to the Poland Roots list (and probably to others as well), explaining that "a complete cemetery tombstone transcription has been uploaded to Poland Gen Web for Wizajny Cemetery in old województwo Suwałki." Members of Facebook can see the actual images on the page above. The transcriptions are available at <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~polwgv/archives/wizajnycem.html>>. Credit goes to Laura Haduch Skender and Dorothy Petraitis, members of the Polish Genius mailing list, for doing the transcriptions, and to Debbie, the facilitator and editor of the project.

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<<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2013/apr/25/national-digital-public-library-launched/>>

An item in the April 7th issue of *The Genealogy News* led me to this page, a story about the launching of the National Digital Public Library on April 18. It's up and running at <<http://dp.la/>>. In view of how useful I've found various European digital libraries to be, I have hopes for the future of this project.

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<<https://www.facebook.com/LearnPolishWithBartek>>

This is an interesting Facebook page several of my Facebook friends like. It's called "Learn Polish with Bartek," and it's described as "This is a page for people who want to learn Polish or simply like Polish culture and language." I imagine that fits most folks who read *Gen Dobry!*

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<<http://www.polish-translators.com/grammar.html>>

As I was wandering around on the Internet the other day, I came across this page, which offers some useful hints for folks wanting to learn some Polish words and grammar.

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<<http://www.narodowa.pl/Ksiazki/16/eksponat.htm>>

On the PolandBorderSurnames list, Tina Ellis gave this link for a 1910 road map of Poland that she has found very helpful. She learned of it from Tadeusz Wysocki, a professional researcher who lives in Warsaw. Please note that it covers Poland as it existed then, not in its current borders.

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